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In re Application of:

H.-J. SU HUANG *et al.*

Application No.: 09/071,541

Filed: May 4, 1998

For: METHODS TO MODULATE THE
RESISTANCE OF CELLS TO
APOPTOSIS MEDIATED BY MUTANT
EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR
RECEPTORS

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: K. Kahler Fonda Ph.D.

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to the Office Action dated June 6, 2001 (Paper No. 14), the period for response having been extended by three months by payment of the appropriate fee making the response due on December 6, 2001. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks contained herein.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims 1, 9 and 13 for pending claims 1, 9 and 13:

1. (Three amended) A method of modulating an apoptosis-inhibiting effect in a target cell or tissue of a mutant EGFR gene, comprising administering to the cell or tissue an amount of a tyrosine kinase inhibitor that is effective to reduce resistance to induction of apoptosis or resistance to an increased rate of apoptosis in the target cell or tissue in combination with a

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